Sl. No.	Name	Date of detention
3.	Shri Artiri Budi	16.10.2005
4.	Shri Jan Shaheed Jan	23.11.2005
5.	Shri Mahesh Nafees	23.11.2005
6.	Shri Santhosh	28.11.2005
7.	Shri Reddy Yelta Reddy	07.12.2005
8.	Shri Sanjiv Wenkat	25.12.2005
9.	Shri Sadan Raju	25.12.2005
10.	Shri Amin Khan	25.12.2005
11.	Shri Haja Yousuf	25.12.2005

Dual citizenship to NRIs

1053. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken to grant dual citizenship status to NRIs and the people of Indian origin; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Yes. Persons of Indian Origin of all countries, except Pakistan and Bangladesh who fufill certain conditions, are eligible to apply and become Overseas Citizens of India (OCI). OCIs are entitled to multiple-entry, multipurpose, life-long visas with no requirement of registration with police. Hence they can live and work in India or in the country of their naturalization. OCIs are not entitled to vote, hold constitutional posts or employment in the Government. They are however eligible to work in the private sector. OCIs enjoy parity with NRIs in respect of economic, financial and educational fields except in acquisition of agricultural or plantation properties.

Indians working in Gulf countries

1054. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many Indians from different States working in Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise, Gulf country-wise as on today;

(c) whether there are reports that Indian workers who migrate to Gulf countries are facing inhuman treatment there;

(d) the number of Indians jailed in various Gulf countries for offences related to migration, country-wise, as on today; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to chalk out a comprehensive policy on migration for the benefit of Indians working in abroad?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRIVAYALAR RAVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is estimated that the number of Indians working in the Gulf would be close to 4 million. Their State-wise and country-wise break-up is, however, not available.

(c) Complaints are received from time to time about the hardships faced by Indian workers in Gulf countries.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) There is no such proposal at present.

Illegal recruiting agencies

1055. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal recruiting agencies create so many hardship to the Keralite job-seekers in the Gulf countries;

(b) whether Government would consider to conduct a detailed study on the sufferings of Indian job-seekers in the Gulf labour camps and redress their grievances;

(c) whether the State Government of Kerala have submitted any suggestion for the amendments of Emigration Act 1983; and

(d) whether Government would consider to introduce appropriate amendments in the Emigration Act to safeguard the interest of job seekers?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Yes, Sir. Complaints have been received against illegal recruiting agencies from various quarters, including Indian Missions in the Gulf countries.